



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 5439  
Peter POCHLAUER et al. : Docket No. 2001-0331A  
Serial No. 09/834,926 : Group Art Unit 1621  
Filed April 16, 2001 : Examiner P. Zucker

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*In response to the Official Action dated May 19, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:*